

CLAIM SUMMARY DOCUMENT

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure for absorbent articles ~~such as~~
~~diapers, pants diapers, incontinence protectors, sanitary napkins, panty liners, wherein the~~
absorbent structure comprises:

a wetting region comprising partially neutralized superabsorbent material, the
partially neutralized superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralization between 20%
and 50%;

and a region outside of the wetting region including a superabsorbent material
having a degree of neutralization greater than the neutralization of the partially neutralized
superabsorbent material; at least 40 percent by weight superabsorbent material based on the
total weight of the absorbent structure in a dry state in the region or in these regions in
which the superabsorbent material is distributed, wherein said superabsorbent material is a
partially neutralised superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralisation between 20
and 50%.

the absorbent structure has a thickness of 1 mm to 8 mm when dry.

the wetting region comprising at least 40% by weight superabsorbent material.

2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein
the degree of ~~neutralisation~~ neutralization of the partially neutralized superabsorbent
material is between 25 and 35%.

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3. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein the absorbent structure includes dry-formed, compressed ~~CTMP~~ chemithermomechanical pulp or ~~CP~~ chemical pulp ~~in addition to superabsorbent material.~~

4. (Previously Presented) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein said structure has a thickness of 1 mm to 3mm when dry.

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5. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein said absorbent ~~article~~ structure is intended for incontinence protectors or feminine products.

6. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~partially neutralised superabsorbent material is placed in the wetting region and~~ conventional superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralization greater than the neutralization of the partially neutralized superabsorbent material has a degree of neutralization of about 70% is placed outside the wetting region.

7. (Currently Amended) An absorbent ~~article~~ structure according to Claim 1, wherein the structure comprises a first zone closer to the wearer including the partially ~~neutralised~~ neutralized superabsorbent material and a second zone ~~which is~~ located beneath the first zone in a direction from the wearer of the absorbent article, wherein the second zone comprises ~~conventional~~ superabsorbent material having a degree of ~~neutralisation~~ neutralization of about 70%.

8. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein the partially ~~neutralised~~ neutralized superabsorbent is placed in a layer or sheet in the a bottom or lower part of the structure.

9. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article ~~such as a diaper, pant diaper, incontinence protector, sanitary napkin, panty liner,~~ comprising:
an upper liquid-permeable sheet,
a bottom liquid-impermeable barrier sheet, and
an absorbent structure according to Claim 1 enclosed therebetween, ~~characterised in that the absorbent structure is of the kind defined in Claim 1.~~

10. (New) An absorbent structure according to Claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper, pants diaper, incontinence protector, sanitary napkin, or panty liner.

11. (New) An absorbent structure according to Claim 9, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper, pants diaper, incontinence protector, sanitary napkin, or panty liner.

12. (New) An absorbent structure for absorbent articles, the absorbent structure comprising:

a first zone arranged closer to a wearer including partially neutralized superabsorbent material, the partially neutralized superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralization between 20% and 50%;

and a second zone located beneath the first zone in a direction away from the wearer, the second zone including superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralization greater than the degree of neutralization of the partially neutralized superabsorbent material,

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the absorbent structure having a thickness of 1 mm to 8 mm when dry,
the first zone comprising at least 40% by weight superabsorbent material.

13. (New) The absorbent structure according to Claim 12, wherein the superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralization greater than the degree of neutralization of the partially neutralized superabsorbent material has a degree of neutralization of about 70%.

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